
AWARE

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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

Oregon Outpatient Prescribing Report

This newly released report written by AWARE medical director, Dr. Ann Thomas, is intended to offer an easy to read and visualize overview of antibiotic prescribing practices in Oregon and areas for improvement.

Summary: Unnecessary antibiotic use causes increases in *Clostridium difficile*, antibiotic-resistant organisms, and the need for expensive treatment regimens. Though recent data in Oregon point to encouraging declines in unnecessary antibiotic use for treatment of respiratory infections, other data suggest areas still ripe for intervention. Nearly half of uncomplicated bronchitis cases received antibiotics, though the majority of such infections are viral. Adherence to recent guidelines for limiting use in acute otitis media (AOM) in children and sinusitis in adults, which are the most common conditions for antibiotic prescriptions, could lead to significant declines in antibiotic use. Lastly, broad-spectrum agents are often used both for conditions for which amoxicillin would be more appropriate and for conditions unlikely to benefit from antibiotics.

[Full Report](#)

AWARE ANNOUNCEMENTS

We want to hear from you

- [Cast your vote](#): We are re-branding! Please share your input on the next AWARE logo and look out for updated program materials in the coming months.
- [Health plan survey](#): Health plan representatives, we want to learn how we can support your organizational antibiotic stewardship efforts. Please take 5 minutes to complete this brief survey.

New partners

Our new partners this quarter include:

- Jackson Care Connect
- Umpqua Health Alliance
- Yamhill Community Care Organization

If your organization hasn't been officially recognized as a one of our community partners, let us know! We'd like to reconnect over the phone and share our resources with you. Contact us at Oregon.AWARE@state.or.us

New Resource

[Exam Room Poster](#): This easily modifiable template can be used to demonstrate to patients your commitment to preserving antibiotics and only using them when they are necessary.

Events

Look for AWARE at the following events:

[Portland Rose Festival City Fair](#)

June 2, 2016 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tom McCall Waterfront Park - 1020 SW Naito Pkwy, Portland, OR 97204

[Sunset Pediatrics Children's Day](#)

June 22, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

East Pavilion Lobby, St. Vincent Hospital - 9135 SW Barnes Rd Portland, OR 97225

[Movies in the Park](#)

Toy Story 3

August 19, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Floyd Light Middle School - 10800 SE Washington St, Portland, OR 97216

Zootopia

August 25, 2016 6:30 p.m. Montavilla Park - NE 82nd & Glisan St, Portland, OR 97220

[2016 Flu Summit and More](#)

August 23, 2016 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Red Lion Hotel on the River - 909 N. Hayden Island Dr, Portland, OR 97217

Is your organization hosting a health fair or wellness event in the coming months?

Contact Alyssa McClean at Oregon.AWARE@state.or.us to see how we can work together to spread this vital health information.

ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP IN THE NEWS

[Antibiotic Use in Outpatient Settings](#): Health experts create national targets to reduce unnecessary antibiotic prescriptions. The Pew Charitable Trusts and the CDC recently released a first-of its kind analysis of antibiotic prescribing habits in outpatient clinics and determining condition-specific targets for reducing unnecessary prescribing. The AWARE medical director, Dr. Ann Thomas, served on the panel of experts.

[New antibiotic safety guidelines](#): FDA advises restricting fluoroquinolone antibiotic use for certain uncomplicated infections; warns about disabling side effects that can occur together.

AWARE MATERIALS

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